

CHAPTER 12.0

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

12.1 Introduction

This chapter presents comments submitted by Federal, state, and local agencies; special interest groups; and the public on the Long-Term Study Draft Supplemental Plan Formulation Report/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SPFR/EIS/EIR) for the American River Watershed, California. This chapter also presents responses to comments. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) require the Federal and state lead agencies to respond to comments received during the public comment period. This chapter has been prepared in accordance with these requirements.

The Draft SPFR/EIS/EIR, prepared for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Reclamation Board, was distributed to the public and regulatory agencies on September 13, 2001. The comment period closed on October 29, 2001.

The Corps and the Reclamation Board received written comments on the Draft SPFR/EIS/EIR from Federal, state, and local agencies; special interest groups; and the public. The Corps and Reclamation Board also held three community workshops on October 9, 10, and 11, 2001, in Folsom, Davis, and Sacramento, California, respectively. No one submitted oral comments during the meetings. In addition, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) and Reclamation Board conducted a public hearing on the Draft SPFR/EIS/EIR on October 24, 2001, in Sacramento, California. Ten members of the public provided oral comments at the public hearing. Table 12-1 lists the agencies, groups, and members of the public who submitted comments.

Sections 12.2 through 12.6 contain comment letters that are followed by individual responses to the comments raised. Section 12.6 also contains a transcript of the public hearing held on October 24, 2001, followed by responses to the oral comments made at the hearing. Transcripts from the three community workshops are not presented because no oral comments were submitted at the workshops.

The responses to comments generally clarify information in the Draft SPFR/EIS/EIR; however, they occasionally include changes or additions to the text. The Final SPFR/EIS/EIR will incorporate revisions to the Draft SPFR/EIS/EIR as indicated in the responses to comments.

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TABLE 12-1. List of Comments

| Classification | Commentor | Organization | Date |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| FEDERAL AGENCIES | | | |
| USBR | Thomas J. Aiken | U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation | 10/29/01 |
| USDOJ | Patricia Sanderson Port | U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance | 10/24/01 |
| USEPA | Lisa B. Hanf | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | 10/29/01 |
| STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES | | | |
| CDBW | Steve K. Watanabe | California Department of Boating and Waterways | 10/29/01 |
| CDPR | Jacqueline Ball | California Department of Parks and Recreation | 10/29/01 |
| COF | Gordon F. Tornberg | City of Folsom | 10/29/01 |
| CT1 | Jeffrey Pulverman | California Department of Transportation – Office of Regional Planning | 10/19/00 |
| CT2 | Jeffrey Pulverman | California Department of Transportation – Office of Regional Planning | 10/29/01 |
| SMAQMD | Phil Stafford | Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District | 10/25/01 |
| YCB | Tom Stallard David Rosenberg Lynnel Pollock Mike McGowan Lois Wolk | County of Yolo | 10/22/01 |
| SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS | | | |
| FOR | Ronald M. Stork | Friends of the River | 10/29/01 |
| PARC | Timothy S. Woodall | Protect American River Canyons | 11/5/01 |
| INDIVIDUALS | | | |
| DWYER | Gretchen Dwyer | Individual | 10/29/01 |
| ESTES | Gary W. Estes | Individual | 10/29/01 |
| KELLER | Barry & Lynda Keller | Individual | 10/28/01 |
| ROBINSON | Theodore M. Robinson | Individual | 10/6/01 |
| SADLER | Larry Sadler | Individual | 10/15/01 |
| SCHM | Kathie Schmiechen | Individual | 10/25/01 |
| SPALDING | Stanley J. Spalding | Individual | 10/9/01 |
| TIBBS | Luther W. Tibbs | Individual | 10/3/01 |
| TREACY | Tom Treacy | Individual | 10/15/01 |
| NN1 | No name | Individual | No Date |
| NN2 | No name | Individual | 10/9/01 |
| PUBLIC HEARING | | | |
| PH | Various | Individuals | 10/24/01 |